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Dr. Robert C. Hockett
Tobacco Industry Research Committee
5320 Empire State Building
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Dear Dr. Hockett:

Thank you for your advice in our recent telephone conversation. I am submitting herewith an application for a research grant. The background for this proposal is as follows.

Last fall, Professor Lacassagne visited me to discuss my rapid test for estimation of carcinogenic activity of chemicals. His interest stems from the possibility of applying this procedure in studies of the potential carcinogenic properties of cigarette smoke now being conducted in his and related laboratories in the University of Paris. Chemical fractionation of cigarette smoke is being conducted there by Professor Buu Hoi, one of the outstanding chemists in the world in the field of carcinogens, who has had many years experience in the preparation of carcinogens and their analogs for the studies on relation of molecular structure to carcinogenic activity which have long been a major program in Professor Lacassagne's Institute.

Last May I visited Professors Lacassagne and Buu Hoi to inquire into the possibility of obtaining for rapid test fractions of cigarette smoke prepared by them and, more particularly, pure chemicals of varying carcinogenicity from their extensive collection in order to evaluate specificity of the rapid test.

These associations have been most cordial and stimulating, and Professor Lacassagne has assured me of laboratory facilities if I wished to do the work in Paris. He offered to supply appropriate materials, and advised that the best space would probably be available in Professor Truhaut's laboratory. Professor Truhaut conducts studies of industrial toxicology for the French government and is one of three men appointed by the government to investigate biological properties of tobacco smoke.

Recently, I received the attached letters from Professor Truhaut offering me facilities in his laboratory, provided that I can obtain a grant to cover my salary and the purchase cost of animals. He offers to cover the cost of maintenance of animals and preparation of histological sections.

In drawing up the proposed budget in the attached application, I have, however, introduced items for supplies and technicians' salaries.

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I believe this is wise to assure prompt supply and service. Since this application requests more support than Professor Truhaut stated necessary, I feel confident that it will receive the signature of the proper officer of the University of Paris. I am forwarding the application to you at this time in the hope that it may be considered at the forthcoming meeting of your committee. In the event that favorable action might be taken, I would of course recognize that finalization must await return of a properly executed copy from the University of Paris.

Sincerely yours,

s/. William E. Smith, M.D.

Enclosures.

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Biography

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1934 A. B., Princeton
1938 M.D., Johns Hopkins
1940-43 Research fellow in bacteriology, Harvard Medical
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1943-47 Assistant in pathology, Rockefeller Institute for
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1947-49 Associate, Sloan-Kettering Institute for Cancer
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Publications

List attached. (on file with R. C. H.)

References

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